

MONTHLY SORTIE GOALS	
961st Airborne Air Control Squadron	36.9
Monthly flying-hour contract	53.2
Hours flown	16.3
Monthly offset	
33rd Rescue Squadron	70.0
Monthly flying-hour contract	65.3
Hours flown	-4.7
Monthly offset	
909th Air Refueling Squadron	145.0
Monthly flying-hour contract	137.9
Hours flown	-7.1
Monthly offset	
44th Fighter Squadron	199.0
Monthly sortie contract	127.0
Sorties flown	-72.0
Monthly offset	
67th Fighter Squadron	200.0
Monthly sortie contract	127.0
Sorties flown	-73.0
Monthly offset	

Source: 18th MOS/MXOOP, as of April 10

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WEEKEND WEATHER

**TODAY:** Partly Cloudy  
NE winds @ 9-12 knots  
High: 73 Low: 61

**SATURDAY:** Partly Cloudy  
E winds @ 10-15 knots  
High: 73 Low: 63

**SUNDAY:** Partly Cloudy  
SE winds @ 12-18 knots  
High: 75 Low: 64

FRIDAY MORNING'S  
COMMUNITYBANK  
EXCHANGERATES  
BUYING: \$1=\$105 SELLING: ¥110-\$1

# Meeting the Airmen

## Fifth Air Force boss tours Kadena, talks families, readiness

By Staff Sgt. Jason Lake  
18th Wing Public Affairs

The commander of all U.S. military forces in Japan made his first official visit to Kadena as the Fifth Air Force commander April 6-7.

Lt. Gen. Bruce Wright, who is also the U.S. Forces Japan, spoke with Kadena Airmen as he visited maintainers, aircrews, NCO Academy graduates, Airmen grabbing a bite to eat at the Marshall Dining Facility and those in work areas across the base.

The general also toured the Silver Flag training area, where Airmen were engaged in combat skills training for their upcoming deployment as part of Air Expeditionary Force 5 (see page 5).

"What impressed me most was the unbelievably positive attitude of people here," he said during an interview with American Forces Network Okinawa April 7. "Wherever you go you see smiles and people walking tall."

As the operations tempo at Kadena steadily increases in the wake of the upcoming AEF deployment, the general stressed the need for Airmen to look after one another at home and out in the field.

"We need to take care of each other," he said "because that person [you walk by] could very likely be the same individual you depend on to save your life."

By the same token, General Wright said it's the responsibility of wing leaders to preserve the welfare of families at home during the upcoming deployment.

"If we don't take care of the families, we'll really never be as combat ready as we need to be," he said.

The general said programs offered by the Family Support Center, base chaplains and Life Skills Center help Airmen stay focused on mission readiness.

Kadena currently offers a variety of programs through the Family Support Center, such as Car



Air Force/Senior Airman Michael Pallazola

**Lt. Gen. Bruce Wright, U.S. Forces Japan and Fifth Air Force commander, speaks with Kadena's chief master sergeants at a breakfast held at the Marshall Dining Facility April 6. The general's visit to Kadena was his first official visit as the numbered air force commander since he took command in February.**

Care Because We Care, Operation Read and Rest, 15-minute morale calls and video teleconferencing calls to families of deployed servicemembers.

For more information about deployed programs and services, call the Family Support Center at 634-3366.

# PACAF welcomes new command chief master sergeant

By 1st Lt. Christina Hoggatt  
Pacific Air Forces Public Affairs

HICKAM AIR FORCE BASE, Hawaii — Chief Master Sergeant Rodney J. McKinley took over as the Pacific Air Forces command chief this month. Chief McKinley replaces Command Chief Master Sergeant David Popp, who left to be command chief for Air Combat Command.

As PACAF command chief, Chief McKinley serves as the principal consultant to the PACAF commander on enlisted issues. His responsibilities include keeping the commander



McKinley

appraised of matters concerning the health, morale and welfare of all PACAF enlisted Airmen; and coordinating with head-

quarters staff agencies, commanders and senior enlisted Airmen on matters of administration and implementation of command policy.

Chief McKinley is no stranger to PACAF; his prior assignment was as the command chief master sergeant for Eleventh Air Force, Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska.

There he served as the primary enlisted advisor to the commander, Alaskan Command, Alaskan North American Aerospace Defense Command Region, and Eleventh Air Force on matters of force utilization, morale, and welfare of all enlisted servicemembers and their families assigned throughout Alaska. He also previously served in the command as a crew chief for the 3rd Tactical Fighter Wing, Clark Air Base, Philippines, from 1987-1991.

Chief McKinley was born in Georgetown, Ohio, and is a 1974 graduate of Western Brown High School. He entered the Air Force in July 1974. After his first enlistment, he took a break from the service in 1977

to attend college. Chief McKinley re-entered the Air Force in 1982, and his wide dynamic experiences have spanned the medical, aircraft maintenance and first sergeant career fields.

There are currently 55,700 military and civilian personnel in PACAF, serving at bases in Hawaii, Alaska, Guam, Japan and South Korea. PACAF's area of responsibility extends from the west coast of the United States to the east coast of Africa, and from the Arctic to the Antarctic; more than 100 million square miles. The area is home to nearly two billion people who live in 44 countries. PACAF maintains a forward airpower presence to help ensure stability in the region.

**Alcohol Awareness Month event at Kadena BX today, noon to 3 p.m.**





# The right kind of character

## Joining Air Force demands acceptance of core values

By Lt. Col. David Williamsen  
18th Contracting Squadron commander

As a kid growing up in the Rocky Mountains, I remember overhearing my parents call my cousin Don a "character" in an unflattering tone of voice. Don was a person one might call an easy talker and a real charmer. As he grew up, he managed to get into more and more trouble until he finally moved out of state for "undisclosed reasons." From this experience, I learned it was more important to have character than to be a character.

The Air Force includes core values about character that we accepted when we joined. Integrity, service before self, and excellence in all we do. If we follow these values, they will in time become a trait and an attribute—part of our character.

In the world of contracting, integrity is the basis of mutual trust that makes agreements or contracts between two parties possible. When I sign a contract on behalf of the government, I'm committing the government to pay for goods or services that will be provided. If an off-base company questioned our integrity about following through on an agree-

ment, they might go someplace else. Why should they risk dealing with the government if they couldn't trust our word? The same holds true when dealing with relationships. What would happen if you couldn't trust your spouse when you weren't there because there was no integrity in what they said?

Service before self, is as straight forward as it sounds. We made a commitment when we joined the military. This commitment is not just to serve a squadron commander or even a wing commander—it's a commitment to our fellow Americans to serve and protect them. It's a 24-hour, seven-days-a-week commitment. We each volunteered to join the Air Force, so when duty calls—even if you want to go to a party—remember that commitment.

My father often said, "If it's worth doing, it's worth doing well." This same standard is what guides Air Force standards. It doesn't matter if it's putting

***If you take the easy way out by disregarding technical orders, or cutting corners on assigned duties, you are compromising Air Force standards and should seriously consider employment elsewhere.***

bombs on aircraft, or running the base gym, we set the standard. If you take the easy way out by disregarding technical orders, or cutting corners on assigned duties, you are compromising Air Force standards and should seriously consider employment elsewhere. The world's best Air Force deserves nothing but our best effort. It seems to me, excellence in all we do, is also "the least we can do." In other words it should be the starting point, not our ending point.

Character is something each one of us has and is known by. Making these core values a part of our character will mark us for life. I would rather be known for having these values as part of my character than to be known as a character.



A 20-year-old airman first class from the 18th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron was convicted of driving while intoxicated Jan. 3 with a breath-alcohol content of .129 percent. He was demoted to airman basic, received a \$600 fine, given 45 days extra duty and a reprimand.



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Brig. Gen. Jan-Marc Jouas  
18th Wing commander

The 18th Wing is very interested in ideas that can make Kadena an even better place to live, work and play. If you have a concern that you have been unable to resolve through normal chains of command, then we'll look into it. Although not required, it's better to give commanders, first sergeants or the agencies with which you have the concern the opportunity to correct the situation first. When that fails, send us an e-mail. Include your name and telephone number so someone can get back to you, and a brief summary of your concern.

### Air conditioning

**I have a complaint about the air conditioning policy. I live in Bazely Towers and have a family child care business out of my home. The current air conditioning policy states that air conditioning will not be turned on until seven consecutive days of 79 degrees or May 1. There are many days where it is stifling hot in these apartments and the children that I care for sweat all day long. Family child care policies state that the temperature cannot exceed 86 degrees, and I can tell you there are days where the temperature in my home is well above 86 degrees. During the day I can only open one window in my living room and we have double sliding glass doors. The kids aren't allowed on the balcony and there's only one portion of the doors that is safe to secure a safety gate. Please help me to make these kids more comfortable in my home while I provide care for them. My other complaint is that it is also extremely uncomfortable to try and sleep at night, even with a**

**fan blowing and the windows wide open, because of the heat.**

The 18th Wing policy states that the air conditioning in the towers will be activated once interior temperatures register a seven-day average high of at least 75 degrees. The primary reason that we wait for seven days is to ensure that temperatures are relatively stable and that there will not be a need to switch over to heat again; it takes a minimum of two days to perform the switchover because of the type of climate control system in the towers. As soon as the heat was turned off in the towers the Housing Maintenance Flight began monitoring the interior temperatures of several units in both tower complexes. During this transition time they also test-ran the cooling system to check for leaks and breaks, which is why the other tower had AC. When the 75-degree average is met, the process for AC activation will begin. Thanks for taking the time to voice your concern.



## SHOGUN WARRIOR OF THE WEEK



Tech. Sgt. Lisa Azzoline

18th Comptroller Squadron, customer support services NCO in-charge

Hometown: Saukville, Wis.

Reason for nomination: Sergeant Azzoline is an unwavering professional who leads by example and constantly provides world-class travel pay services to Team Kadena.

Time at Kadena: 6 months

Editor's note : *Shogun Warriors are selected by unit leaders for their outstanding value to their unit and dedication to the Kadena mission. To nominate someone, send the name of your nominee to your unit commander or senior enlisted leaders.*

**DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE:** Did you know -- More than 80 percent of all fatal alcohol-related car crashes occur between 8 p.m. and 8 a.m. Plan ahead or call Airmen Against Drunk Driving at 634-2233.

**ENERGY CONSERVATION TIP:** The 18th Civil Engineer Squadron advises Team Kadena to remember to shut off lights, TVs and other electronic equipment, and close shades and doors before going out.

**SWING SET TP:** Swing sets in base housing should be anchored and are authorized in back yards only. If digging is required, an Air Force form 332 must be submitted first. Rope swings may not be tied from trees.

**TELEPHONE SYSTEMS FLIGHT CLOSURE:** Kadena's Telephone Customer Service and Communications Cable Digging Permit offices located in buildings 400 and 3136 will be minimally manned **today** and **April 22** starting at 11 a.m. Customers who need to pay their bill can do so at Bldg. 721-C, Accounting and Finance. Call 634-1005 for more information.

**CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH:** To recognize Child Abuse Prevention Month and Month of the Military Child, join any Protestant or Catholic chapel service on **April 24** for a special prayer for child abuse victims and advocates. Pick up a blue ribbon at various locations on base throughout the month.

## Kool-Aid 'n cookies



Air Force/Airman 1st Class Stephanie Sinclair

(Left to right) Melayna Martel, 10, daughter of Leslie Martel, Naval Air Pacific Repair Activity; Corynn VanWieren, 10, daughter of Capt. Matt VanWieren, 18th Operations Support Squadron; Taylor Vanackern, 8, son of Tech Sgt. Chris Vanackern, 18th Component Maintenance Squadron; and Joshua Van Wieren, 8, sell cookies and Kool-Aid near the Kadena Middle School Friday.

**BRATZ SCOOTER RECALL:** The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission recalls Bratz Stylin' Scooters sold at Army and Air Force Exchange Stores in November 2004 for faulty wheels that can break or become damaged and cause injuries. The scooter is purple with a bright pink Bratz logo on the top.

Return the scooter to AAFES for a full refund.

**LEGAL BRIEFINGS:** Legal readiness briefings will be conducted at the Kadena Legal Office, Bldg. 15, at 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Fridays. Visit the legal Web site at <https://lrp.hickam.af.mil> to create a

user account prior to attending the briefing.

**KESC MEETING:** The Kadena Enlisted Spouses Club will hold a general membership meeting **Monday** at 6:30 p.m. in the Kuba room of the Rocker NCO Club.

**KADENATAX CENTER:** The Tax Center's, Bldg. 1460, new office hours are Tuesday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for walk-in service only. Call 634-7784/7418.

**BX LIMITED PARKING:** The Base Exchange parking lot has limited parking on the commissary side due to construction Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. until **Tuesday**. The 18th Civil Engineer Squadron is upgrading the drainage system.

**AUSTRALIAN AUTHOR VISIT:** Jen McVeity, a renowned Australian author, will visit several Kadena schools **Monday** through **Wednesday** to share her writing and publishing expertise. Call Carla Shank at **634-4469** for more details.

**JAPANESE ROAD TAX COLLECTION:** Vehicle owners have until June 1 to pay the Japanese Road Tax to receive the right U.S. Forces Japan decal for their windshield. Vehicles not displaying the proper decal may be ticketed by security forces. More information on road tax collection points will be published in future editions of *The Kadena Shogun Newspaper*.



# USFJ commander discusses force's future

By Staff Sgt. Jason Lake  
18th Wing Public Affairs

Kadena Air Base plays a crucial role in maintaining stability in the Pacific region, said Lt. Gen. Bruce Wright, U.S. Forces Japan and Fifth Air Forces commander, during a two-day visit to Kadena last week.

"It's important for every military member here to understand that there has been tremendous growth in military capabilities in this region over the past few years," he said.

"The growth of military [forces] and the unpredictability of North Korea remains, and the Chinese military has also become much stronger and more modernized [over the past five years]," said the general. "So it's important that we maintain very credible deterrence and stability in this region as our governments map their way ahead to the future."

In addition to North Korea's continuing nuclear development program, last month Chinese officials passed an anti-succession law against Taiwan, and last week tens of thousands of demonstrators took to the streets in Beijing and Seoul to protest Japan's bid to join the United Nations Security Council. With such potential for heightened political tension in the region, in addition to Global War on Terrorism commitments, General Wright said it's vital for Kadena Airmen to maintain combat readiness.

"The mission here is critical to our U.S.-Japan alliance," said General Wright, who was an F-4 instructor pilot for the 67th Fighter Squadron from 1978-1979. "Right now the alliance is at a stage in its history where it's absolutely essential that we have a strong military relationship and interoperability with the Japan Self Defense Force. We need to have an alliance that's ready, trained and capable."



Air Force/Senior Airman Michael Pallazola  
**Lt. Gen. Bruce A. Wright (left), U.S. Forces Japan and Fifth Air Force commander, inspects equipment April 6 as 2nd Lt. John Toepfer (middle) and Staff Sgt. Jason Fike explain the 31st Rescue Squadron's mission and highlight the variety of life-saving and combat tools used by pararescuemen.**

General Wright said the best way for Kadena Airmen to stay trained and operationally ready is through realistic exercises.

"Exercises are important because that's what makes us a credible, respected fighting force," he said. "That's what we signed up for — to be ready, all else really is secondary. Just like a professional football team you have to train to be good at your job."

"Our culture is founded on the profession of arms. Every Airman swore to support and defend the Constitution of the United States, and great responsibility goes along with that voluntary commitment."

The 32-year Air Force veteran said he understands that exercises have an impact on families who share the sacrifices of military life. "It's also important to thank and take care of our families

every way we can," he said.

General Wright said Kadena Airman also must do their best to preserve and enhance the close relationships between Americans and Okinawans.

"Our local partnerships around our air bases are the critically important foundation for our security alliance with the Japanese government and Japanese people," he said.

As talks of Japan base realignments continue between Tokyo and Washington, General Wright said it's also essential to avoid conjecture as our governments discuss possible realignments of forces based on shared, common strate-

gic objectives.

Last month, General Wright spoke with Okinawa Governor Keiichi Inamine about local issues, including the overall size of the U.S. military presence on island. Currently, U.S. military lands represent 19 percent of Okinawa Prefecture property.

"I clearly understand and appreciate Governor Inamine's concerns and the impact of the stationing of U.S. forces here in Okinawa," he said. "At the same time, I hope he understands that we care very much about our Okinawan neighbors and the relationships we've built over many years."

"We honor the friendships of our neighbors here in Okinawa and sincerely thank them for the support they provide for U.S. forces and our security alliance with Japan."

## KADENA SPOTLIGHTS

**Tech. Sgt. Michael Harris**, 18th Logistics Readiness Squadron, was named a 2005 Pacific Air Forces Outstanding Airman of the Year and an Air Force Transportation Sergeant of the Year (NCO categories).

**Staff Sgt. Harry Barrett**, 961st Airborne Air Control Squadron, earned the Henry E. Erwin Award as the 2004 Outstanding Enlisted Aircrew Member of the Year.

**Maj. (Dr.) Yuri McKee**, 44th Fighter Squadron, was named the 2004 Malcom Grow Flight Surgeon of the Year.

Congratulations to the following 2005 Pacific Air Forces Services individual award winners:

— Airman: **Senior Airman Sara Higgins** — Company Grade Officer: **Capt. Keithen Washington**

— Field Grade Officer: **Col. Ross Roley**

— Civilian Technician: **Hiroe Taba**

— Civilian Specialist: **Hidetoshi Miyagi**

— Civilian Flight Chief: **George Jones**

— Dr. Schmalzried biggest impact on an individual participant: **Catherine Lane**

Congratulations to the following April 2005 NCO Academy graduate award winners:

— John Levitow leadership award: **Tech. Sgt. Sean Jones**, 18th Munitions Squadron

— Commandant award: **Tech Sgt. John LaCroix**, 18th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron

— Distinguished graduates: **Tech Sgts. John LaCroix**, 18th AES, **Lance Guedry**, 18th Security Forces Squadron, **Keith Fitzpatrick**, 18th Logistics Readiness Squadron, and **Robert Eversole**, 18th Communications Squadron.

Congratulations to the following April 2005 NCO Academy graduates:

**Navy Petty Officers 1st Class Cesar Montero**, Mobile Mine Assembly Unit Ten; and **Damaris Havens**, Postal Service Center 480.

**Tech Sgts. Scott Bennett**, 353rd Special Operations Group; **Brian Boulter**, 733rd Air Mobility Squadron; **Shuan Harris**, 353rd SOG; **Michael King**, 18th Munitions Squadron; **John LaCroix**, 18th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron; **Jaime Lescano**, 18th Equipment Maintenance Squadron; **Michael Milton**, 18th Operations Support Squadron; **Karen Phillips**, 18th Wing; **Michael King**, 18th MUNS; **Matthew Reeves**, 390th Intelligence Squadron; **Edward Chapman**, 353rd Maintenance Squadron; **Michael Copeland**, 353rd SOG; **Richard Eversole**, 18th Communications Squadron; **Lance Guedry**, 18th Security Forces Squadron; **Dennis Henrie**, 390th IS; **Gilbert Labrador**, 18th CS; **Rodrigo Mata**, 18th Civil Engineer Squadron; **Craig Stubbs**, 18th SFS; **Jeffrey Ballinger**, 961st Airborne Air Control Squadron; **Steven Harshman**, 961st AACs; **Roman Kunkel**, 18th Services Squadron; **Robert Marchal**, 18th Component Maintenance Squadron; **Marty Marion**, 18th Logistics Readiness Squadron; **Bret Penny**, 18th EMS; **Lance Guedry**, 18th SFS; **Dawn Ryan**, 18th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron; **William Borg**, 353rd SOG; **Joel Brown**, 18th LRS; **Jewel Crowder**, Det 1, 372nd Training Squadron; **Steven Erickson**, 18th MUNS; **Robert Fournier**, 18th OSS; **Sean Jones**, 18th MUNS; **Kevin Williams**, 18th CS; **Julian Christian**, 718th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron; **Keith Fitzpatrick**, 18th LRS; **Anderson Hamlin**, 390th IS; **Daniel Lampi**, 18th Dental Squadron; **Rhoda Ochoa**, 390th IS; **Donnell Sampson**, 18th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron; and **Bradley Workman**, 18th OSS.

# TSP open season begins today

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — Civilian and military employees can sign up for, or change, their Thrift Savings Plan contribution amounts during the "open season" today through June 30.

"TSP is a long-term retirement savings plan, which everyone should consider," said Jackie Holland, task manager at the Air Force Personnel Contact Center here. "It's a great supplement to military and civilian retirement plans."

TSP offers investors the chance for lower taxes each year they contribute while not having to pay taxes on earnings until they reach retirement.

"Eligible employees can take out loans and make in-service withdrawals from their TSP accounts," said Janet Thomas, of Air Force Personnel Center's civilian benefits and enti-

### TSP quick facts

**Servicemembers**

- ☐ Servicemembers can contribute as much as 10 percent of their base pay, as long as the annual total of tax-deferred investment is not more than \$14,000 for 2005. Airmen also have the ability to invest all or part of their bonuses or special pay.
- ☐ Those serving in tax-free combat zones are allowed up to \$42,000 in annual contributions.
- ☐ Airmen can enroll through the Defense Finance and Accounting Service Web site at [www.dfas.mil/emss/](http://www.dfas.mil/emss/). They can also enroll by filling out a form TSP-U-1 at local military personnel flights, finance offices and family support centers. Specific TSP information is available for Airmen at [www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/mpf/TSP/thrift\\_savings\\_plan.htm](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/mpf/TSP/thrift_savings_plan.htm).

**Civilians**

- ☐ Contribution limits are based on which retirement system an employee has.
- ☐ Beginning in December, there will no longer be percentage limits on how much FERS and CSRS employees may contribute each year. Contributions will be restricted only by the Internal Revenue Code's annual limit, which is \$15,000 for 2006.
- ☐ Specific information is available for civilian employees from the Thrift Savings Plan Web site and the BEST home page at [www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/dpc/BEST/menu.htm](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/dpc/BEST/menu.htm).

lements service team. "And you can keep your account, even if you leave military or federal civilian service."

Investment money is deposited directly from each paycheck "so you never have to think about it," Ms. Holland said.

TSP officials said they also hope to make "Lifecycle" funds available in mid-2005.

Lifecycle funds are "target asset allocation portfolios" that will hold a mix of the five funds currently available. The mix of funds is chosen based on the date

the employee expects to need money for retirement.

Starting July 1, civilian employees and servicemembers may start, change, stop or resume contributions at any time as a result of a law passed last year.

Courtesy of AFPC News Service



# READY FOR THE REAL DEAL

## 18th Wing prepares for combat environments



Air Force photos by Airman 1st Class Stephanie Sinclair  
Lt. Col. Peter Ridilla (left), 18th Civil Engineer Squadron, briefs Kadena Airmen before they participate in combat skills training April 6. Airmen deploying later this month to Air Expeditionary Force 5 received training from 18th Wing combat veterans to better prepare them for Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. Some of the training they received included self-aid and buddy care, convoy security, and how to respond to mortar and sniper attacks.



(Clockwise from above)

**READY, AIM:** Lt. Col. Derrek Sanks (left), 718th Civil Engineer Squadron commander, prepares to fire along with Senior Airman David Popp, 18th Civil Engineer Squadron structural apprentice, after taking cover behind a humvee during a simulated sniper attack at a pre-deployment readiness exercise.

**SNIPER ATTACK:** A Kadena Airman acting as a terrorist sniper takes aim at exercise participants while hiding behind a tree.

**FIREMAN'S CARRY:** Kadena Airmen transport a wounded comrade to the Red Cross treatment center April 6.

**VITAL SIGNS:** Senior Airman Aaron Nichols, 18th Civil Engineer Squadron heating, ventilation, and air conditioning specialist, provides medical care to Airman 1st Class Josh Cardoso, an 18th Equipment Maintenance Squadron metals technician, during a readiness exercise for deploying troops.





# Spring Break

## Okuma resort offers military residents fun and relaxation

Ted Siebert, owner of The Sand Sculpture Company, carves sand from his sculpture during Spring Break Okuma Saturday. More than 2,600 military members and their families participated in the event from April 8 until Sunday. Participants enjoyed contests, races, movies by the beach, a concert by Dishwalla and more. Siebert has been carving sand sculptures all over the world to build his hand-carved sculptures.

## Need a place to relax?

If you're looking for a place to take a vacation without the long expensive airfare, check out Okuma Resort located north of Nago. The resort, reserved for active duty, retirees, dependents, and Status of Forces Agreement ID cardholders, offers log cabins, camping and other accommodations, equipment rentals, tennis, golf and miniature golf, restaurants, single and family beaches, and more. Cabin reservations can be made by calling Okuma Reservations at 632-4386 or Information Tickets and Tours at 634-4322 (typically 1 year in advance).

### Lodging Price List

	Weekday	Weekend
Oasis Bungalow: (Five bedrooms)	\$135	\$145
Suite:	\$55	\$65
Private Bath:	\$45	\$55
Shared Bath:	\$40	\$50
Log Cabins:	\$20	\$25
Camping spot: (per tent per night)	\$8	\$8

### Recreation Price List

<u>Golf Course</u>	
Active duty (dependents), & SOFA status:	
	\$8.50 for 18 holes
	\$8 for 9 holes
Rental Clubs:	\$3 per round
Pull Cart:	\$2 per round
(Not all golf prices are listed)	

### Putt Putt Golf

Adults and children	\$2 per person
Age 4 and under	Free

### Bikes

Adult/child single seat	\$3 per hour
Buggy bike with canopy	\$6 per 1/2 hour
Racing/Pedal cart	\$6 per 1/2 hour
Scooter	\$3 per hour

### Batting Cage

1 token (32 balls)	\$1.50 each
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Tennis, badminton, ping-pong, board games and support equipment for these games are free of charge.

### Boathouse Price List

Jet Ski (16 yrs or older)	\$30 for 30 min.
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Water Ski Boat	\$10 per person/30 min.
Dive Boat	\$20 per person
Sailboat	\$30 for 2 hours
Sunset Cruise	\$40 per couple
Glass Bottom Boat	\$8 Adult/ \$5 Child
Banana Boat	\$7 per person
Paddle Boat	\$10/large \$8/small
Windsurfer	\$10/hr/\$30-1/2 day
1 person kayak	\$10/hr/\$30-1/2 day
2 person kayak	\$13/hr/\$40-1/2 day
Clear kayak	\$15/hr,\$50-1/2 day
Snorkel Set	\$8 per day
(Includes mask snorkle, fins, vest)	
Dive Set	\$28 per day
(Includes mask snorkle, fins, Scuba BC, wet suit, boots, regulator, weight belt, one filled tank)	
Beach Chair	\$3 per day
Lounge Chair	\$5 per day
(Not all Boathouse rentals are listed)	

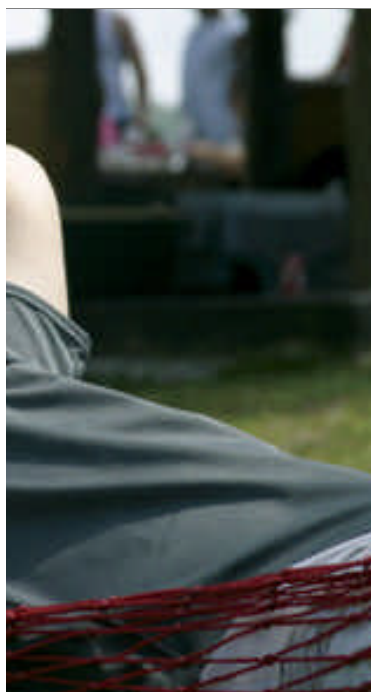


Bill Prout, an Army Corps of Engineers project manager, is seen relaxing in his hammock during the heat of the day near the singing area where military members camped at Okuma over the week-end in Okuma events.





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Marine Sgt. Jason Jerdon (right), 7th Communications Battalion Camp Hansen, follows his sons Ace (middle), 11, and Jeremy, 5, during a bike ride at Okuma Saturday.



JR Richards, lead singer of Dish-  
walla, performs for a large crowd  
at their concert Saturday.



(Counter-clockwise) **DISAPPEARING LEG:** Dillon Perkins, 3, son of Darla and Staff Sgt. Keith Perkins, 353rd Maintenance Squadron, dumps sand on his leg to cover it up while playing on the beach Saturday.

**CLIMB:** Madelaine Beitzel, 8, daughter of Michelle and Army Capt. George Beitzel, 1st Special Forces Group 1st Battalion on Torri Station, struggles to find a handhold while climbing the rock wall Saturday.

**ALL SMILES:** Lissette MacLean, 3, daughter of Savannah and Staff Sgt. Chris MacLean, 18th Munitions Squadron, smiles after sliding down an inflatable tiger slide at Okuma Saturday.



## The Okinawa Perspective

The following is a synopsis of articles that appeared recently in Japanese newspapers.

□ The first day of Shiimii, a Japanese tradition of honoring family ancestors, started in Okinawa Sunday. More than 40 groups visited sacred sites at the U.S. Navy White Beach Naval Station in Uruma City Sunday. [More than 200 people visit sacred sites on Kadena last year. While off base people should be cautious driving past areas near tombs to avoid injuring visiting families.]

□ In bilateral talks on U.S. force realignment, the United States has informed Japan of its decision to maintain Headquarters Fifth Air Force at Yokota Air Base by withdrawing a plan to integrate the command into Headquarters Thirteenth Air Force at Guam, a source revealed April 7. Fifth Air Force command will remain at Yokota, but its size will be downsized by about 10 percent from the present 240 personnel. The U.S. plans, however to relocate Thirteenth Air Force headquarters to Hickam AFB, Hawaii to make it a hub in the Pacific Region. Additionally, U.S. officials have agreed to share use of Yokota with Japan Self Defense Forces.

□ Okinawan doctors say the worst of the flu season is over. As of last month, more than 15,000 people, or 69 people per day, had been treated for the flu since the season began.

□ Sixty one percent of Japanese citizens polled by the Daily Yomiuri said they support revising Japan's constitution. The annual survey of 3,000 citizens showed an increase of four percentage points supporting revisions. Twenty eight percent of the people surveyed said Article 9 of the Japanese Constitution restricting the use of its military for offensive operations should not be changed.

□ Toru Odo, an Okinawa Prefectural Assembly member, spoke out against local politicians opposing the return of the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit from Iraq recently. Mr. Odo defended the Marines to the Director General of the Governor's Executive Office saying:

"Their family members waited for their return, and their mission was to support post-war recovery. To oppose their return is against humanity."

Mr. Odo also expressed sympathy for the more than 50 Marines killed in action while deployed, saying, "Their families want to hear from the returnees about the last moments of their son or spouse's life. Are you trampling their feelings?"



## Making a splash

(Counter-clockwise from right) **LINEUP:** Kadena Airmen prepare to row during a dragon boat racing practice session at Naha Air Base April 8. More than 40 Kadena men and women practiced with Japan Self Defense Forces members for the upcoming Naha Dragon Boat Races May 5. More volunteers are needed for Kadena's men's team. Airmen, Department of Defense civilians and SOFA family members over age 18 can call 633-5042 to sign up.

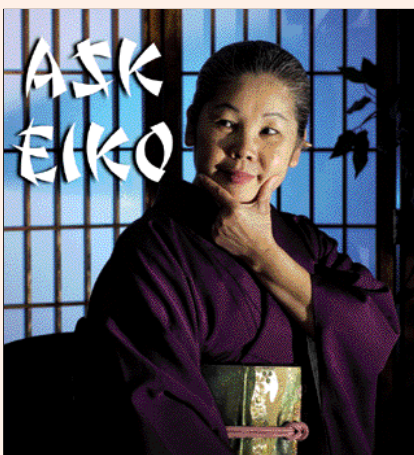
**SPLASH:** Shintaro Yamashiro (middle), synchronizes the Japan Self Defense Forces dragon boat racing team by tapping out a rhythm during practice.

**TRAINING:** The Japan Self Defense Forces dragon boat racing team encourages Kadena Airmen as they learn how to row during practice.



Air Force photos by Airman 1st Class Stephanie Sinclair

"Ask Eiko" is a forum for readers to ask Japanese cultural questions to Kadena's family support center's cultural awareness expert, Eiko Ishikawa. To submit a question, send an e-mail to: [kadenashogun.newspaper@kadena.af.mil](mailto:kadenashogun.newspaper@kadena.af.mil) with the subject line - ASK EIKO.



## Q : What is Golden Week?

**A**: Golden Week is a period in late April and early May where four Japanese national holidays fall within seven days. Depending on how the weekends fall, Golden Week can actually be a two-week period. This has resulted in it becoming one of Japan's three busiest holiday seasons, trailing only the New Year holiday period and O-Bon week, which falls during the summer school vacation.

According to one source I found, the term "Golden Week" was first used by movie companies to get people to take advantage of the "golden" opportunity to go see a film. The term gradually began being used by other people to refer to this string of holidays.

The national holidays making up the Golden Week are:

♦April 29 - Green Day (*Midori no hi*): April 29 used to be the birthday of Emperor Showa who died in the year 1989. After his death, the day was changed into a national holiday for the environment and nature since the emperor loved nature.

♦May 3 - Constitution Day (*Kenpo kinenbi*): On this

day in 1947 the present "modern" Japanese constitution took effect.

♦May 4 - National People's Holiday (*Kokunin no Kyuu-jitsu*): Literally National People's Day, this day honors the diligence and work ethic of Japanese citizens. This is also referred to as "Between Day" (*Kokumin no kyujitsu*). According to Japanese law, if two national holidays are separated by just one day, the day in between is also turned into a national holiday (unless the "between day" is a Sunday, in which case it will be just a regular Sunday). As a side note, because government offices, post offices, banks, schools and most businesses used to operate on a six-day week premise, if "between day" fell on Saturday, it was (and still is) considered a holiday. It has only been in the last decade that Saturday has become a "day off" for large parts of the Japanese population.

♦May 5 - Children's Day (*Kodomo no hi*): The Boy's Festival (*Tango no Sekku*) is celebrated on this day. Families pray for the health and future success of their sons by hanging up carp streamers and displaying samurai dolls, both symbolizing strength, power and success in life. This holiday is most often referred to as "Boys' Day" even though the official name was changed some years ago to Children's Day.

Depending upon how these holidays fit in relation to the weekends, it is possible to have a fairly lengthy vacation period by using only a few days of vacation time.

Throughout Japan, sightseeing locations are very crowded during Golden Week, and travel by train, plane, or automobile can be very difficult. Hotels, Japanese Inns (*Ryokan*), and other accommodations in tourist areas normally are booked well in advance. Here on Okinawa, we consider Golden Week to be the beginning of the summer tourist season and our resort hotels are normally fully booked. A number of concerts, shows, and other events are also scheduled. Golden Week is a great time to get out and experience more of our culture - but plan on it taking a little longer to get places and the crowds being much larger than normal.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Due to the impact of Golden Week on our publisher, *The Kadena Shogun Newspaper* will not be printed May 6. The first issue of May will be printed May 13.



Today

**SPRINGBREAKAT OKUMA:** Participate in Okuma's free events until Sunday for games, contests and entertainment. Events include a hula hoop contest from 10 to 11 a.m.; a jumping castle and rock climbing wall from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; a three-on-three basketball game from 2 to 3 p.m.; movie night from 8 to 10 p.m.; and a live karaoke contest starting at 9 p.m.

**SPECIAL OLYMPICS ART CONTEST:** DoDDs students grades kindergarten through eighth are invited to design a cover for the Special Olympics 2005. Entries will be accepted until April 30. Call 634-5078 for more information.

**BALLROOM DANCE:** Join the Schilling Community Center from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. for ballroom dance lessons.

**FREE BOWLING:** Participate in Emery Lanes Month of the Military Child by bowling for free until April 22 for youths up to age 18. Parent or guardian must bowl with the youth to receive the free games and will be charged the adult rate.

**THUNDER BOWL:** Join Emery Lanes for loud music and flashing lights while bowling from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m.

**YUI MONORAIL AND KOKUSAI STREET TOUR:** Call ITT at 634-4322 for more information.

**RIGHT HAND PERSONS EVENING:** Join the Officers Club from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Weekender Lounge and treat the person you can always count on (your right hand person) to a big thanks for all they do.

**YOUTH SPRING FLING DANCE:** Bring a handmade decoration to the Youth Center to become eligible to win a prize during the Spring Fling dance from 7 to 9 p.m. for youth ages 6 to 8. Call 634-0500 for more details.

**JAPANESE CONVERSATION:** Adults can make friends with their Okinawan neighbors by learning their customs, culture and practical conversation from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387 for more details.

**KUMON MATH:** Youth ages 5 to 18 can learn how to excel in math and develop superior study habits from 3 to 5:40 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387 for more information.

**DE'JA VU FRIDAYS:** Join the Rocker NCO Club for a variety mix with the Doctor from 5 to 9 p.m. followed by variety themes until closing.

**BACK THAT FRIDAY UP:** Join the Rocker NCO Club for music from the 80's and 90's from 9 p.m. to 3 a.m. in the lounge.

**VIRUS FRIDAZE:** Join the Banyan Tree Club for Flashback Friday with CNote from 5 to 10 p.m. followed by Reggae Beats Virus.

Saturday

**SPRINGBREAKAT OKUMA:** Participate in Okuma's free events until Sunday for games, contests and entertainment. Events include an egg and spoon race from 10 a.m. to noon; a jumping castle and rock climbing wall from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; an adult only tug-of-war contest from 2 to 4 p.m.; movie night from 8 to 10 p.m.; and a DJ starting at 9 p.m.

**DIGITAL ARTS CLUB:** Prepare for digital arts festivals, where members will be able to enter their original works in national competitions, by attending this club from 3 to 4 p.m. in the Teen Center. Call 634-3866 for more information.

**YOUTH/ADULT BOWLING TOURNAMENT:** Emery Lanes will hold the annual Youth Alliance bowling tournament at 9 a.m.

**YOUTH SPRING FLING DANCE:** Bring a handmade decoration to the Youth Center to become eligible to win a prize during the Spring Fling dance from 7 to 10 p.m. for youth ages 9 to 12. Call 634-0500 for more details.

**CARD AND COMIC SHOW:** Buy, trade,

or sell comics, cards and other collectables at the Schilling Community Center from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Vendors tables are \$5 on a first-come, first-served basis. Call 634-1387 for more information.

**TEEN SPRING BREAK DANCE:** Dance the night away and celebrate Spring Break from 8 to 11 p.m. at the Teen Center. Admission is \$4 for members and \$5 for non-members. Call 634-0500 for more information.

**MARTIAL ARTS CHALLENGE:** Join an olympic-style sparring tournament for all ages and belt levels starting at 9 a.m. at the Amelia Earhart Intermediate School. Register at the Kadena Youth Center or call 634-0500 for more information.

**TUNNEL RATS TOUR:** Call ITT at 634-4322 for more information.

**SAX, FLUTE, CLARINET LESSONS:** One hour sessions from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center for ages 5 and up. Call 634-1387 for more details.

**OKINAWAN FOLK TALES TOUR:** Call ITT at 634-4322 for more information.

**MINIATURE WAR-GAMING:** Join the fun as miniature war-gamers gather to compete in an assortment of tabletop battles from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center.

**SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER:** Join the Rocker NCO Club for Latin Night from 9 p.m. until closing in the lounge.

**BANYAN TREE:** Join the Banyan Tree Club for Kickin' it Country and R&B Dance Hits from 8 p.m. to close.

**PATCHWORK QUILTING CLASS:** Learn the art of machine patchwork quilting and discover how to make useful household items out of old clothing and fabric scraps from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 634-1387 for more details.

Sunday

**SPRING BREAK AT OKUMA:** Participate in Okuma's free event for a sand sculpting contest from 10 a.m. to noon.

**EARTH FEST 2005:** Sign up at the Schilling Community Center for a special Earth Day Talent Contest.

**RELAXING DAY AT HOTEL NIKKO ALIVILA TOUR:** Call ITT at 634-4322 for more information.

**RENT-A-LANE BOWLING:** Up to five bowlers can rent a lane at Emery Lanes for \$15 and bowl for three hours from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m.

**FAMILY BOWLING DAY:** Join Emery Lanes for a

dollar a game when parents and children bowl together from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. A three-game limit may apply.

**IN THE MIDDLE OF IT ALL TOUR:** Call ITT at 634-4322 for more information.

**PLANET VIBE SUNDAYS:** Join the Rocker NCO Club for Jazz with the Doctor from 5 to 8 p.m. followed by Top 40 hits until closing.

Monday

**SALSA DANCE:** Join the Schilling Community Center for adult salsa dance lessons from 8 to 9:30 p.m.

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**YOUTH APRIL SHOWERS, RAIN AND RAINBOWS:** Learn about the rain cycle and how rainbows are created in a fun activity at the Youth Center from 4 to 5 p.m. for youth ages 6 to 12. Call 634-0500 for more information.

**ISHIMINE CHILDREN'S HOME:** Be a volunteer and join the Teen Center Keystone Club Mondays at 5:30 p.m. and interact with Japanese youth. Activities include playing games, arts and crafts, singing songs and simple English lessons. Call 634-3866 for more information.

**ROCKER:** Join the Rocker NCO Club for Rock Around the Clock with CNote from 7 to 11 p.m.

**CAKE DECORATING:** Learn the techniques for mastering the basics of cake decoration from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387 for more details.

Tuesday

**KARAOKE CONTEST:** Join the Rocker NCO Club for a karaoke contest for club members only from 9 to 11 p.m. in the lounge. Each week two winners will be selected to compete in the grand final April 30 for a grand prize of \$500. Weekly winners will receive \$100 for first place and \$50 for second place. Call 634-0740 for more information.

**TAI CHI CHAUN:** Learn the Chinese art of T'ai Chi Ch'uan which involves slow motion moves and routines with numerous benefits to your health in this adult class from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387 for more details.

**ROCKER:** Join the Rocker NCO Club for Krazy Karaoke with KJ QTU and LT from 7 to 11 p.m. and win cash for crooning.

**REB EYE TUESDAYS:** Join the Banyan Tree Club for an 8 oz. charbroiled steak, potato

bar, corn-on-the-cob, rolls, and ice tea or coffee for just \$7.95 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Save \$1 when you show your club card. Call 634-0644 for more details.

Wednesday

**JAPANESE CONVERSATION:** Adults can make friends with their Okinawan neighbors by learning their customs, culture and practical conversation from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387 for more details.

**SALSA DANCE:** Join the Schilling Community Center for adult salsa dance lessons from 8 to 9:30 p.m.

**NEWCOMERS BUS TOUR:** The Schilling Community Center offers a free bus tour for military members and their dependants to a pineapple winery, Ocean Expo Park, and Okuma Recreation Area from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Call 634-3366 for more details.

**KUMON MATH:** Youth ages 5 to 18 can learn how to excel in math and develop superior study habits from 3 to 5:40 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387 for more information.

**FAMILY MEMBERSHIP NIGHT:** Join the Officers Club for a free buffet-style dinner and more from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Open to officers club members only and their spouse or guest.

**BANYAN TREE:** Join the Banyan Tree Club for Request Night from 7 to 11 p.m.

**DEEP GROOVE WEDNESDAYS:** Join the Rocker NCO Club for jazz with DJ Nate Love from 5 to 8 p.m. followed by Old School with the Doctor until closing.

Thursday

**JAPANESE CONVERSATION:** Make friends with your Okinawan neighbors by learning their customs, culture and practical conversation from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387 for more details.

**FLEA MARKET BUG:** Bring your unwanted items to the Chibana Flea Market, near the Chibana Golf Course, held the first and third Thursday of each month. Vendor set-up begins at 5:30 a.m.; sales begin at 7 a.m. Call Outdoor Recreation at 634-2811 for more information.

**WELCOMEWALK:** The Schilling Community Center offers a walk outside Gate 2 to learn about local customs, transportation, guidelines, and more from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call 634-3366 for more details.

**FREE SALSA DANCE:** Learn the basics of salsa dance at the Officers Club from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Weekender Lounge. Complimentary light snacks will be provided. Open to club members 20 years and older only.

**JAPANESE CALLIGRAPHY:** Bring Japanese words to life at this adult class from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the

Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387 for more details.

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**RUB-A-DUB REGGAE THURSDAYS:** Join the Rocker NCO Club for reggae with DJ Nate Love from 5 to 8 p.m. followed by Ladies Night with DJ RobSki until closing.

**BANYAN TREE:** Join the Banyan Tree Club for Fired Up Country with DJ TNT from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m.

April 22

**BALLROOM DANCE:** Join the Schilling Community Center from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. for ballroom dance lessons.

**THUNDER BOWL:** Join Emery Lanes for loud music and flashing lights while bowling from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m.

**KUMON MATH:** Youth ages 5 to 18 can learn how to excel in math and develop superior study habits from 3 to 5:40 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387 for more information.

**DJ CLUB:** Learn the art of being a DJ from 5 to 6 p.m. at the Teen Center Millennium. Call 634-3866 for more information.

**SPECIAL OLYMPICS ART CONTEST:** DoDDs students grades kindergarten through eighth are invited to design a cover for Special Olympics 2005. Entries will be accepted until April 30. Call 634-5078 for more information.

**TASTE OF THE TOWN TOUR:** Call ITT at 634-4322 for more information.

**CREATE A WINDSOCK:** Create a colorful windsock for keeping track of April winds from 4 to 5 p.m. at the Youth Center for youth ages 6 to 12. Call 634-0500 for more information.

C H A P E L											
Catholic											
▲ Monday through Friday : Mass, Chapel 2, noon.											
▲ Saturday : Confession, Chapel 2, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.											
Vigil Mass, Chapel 2, 5 p.m.											
▲ Sunday : Mass, Chapel 3, 8:45 a.m.											
Mass, Chapel 1, 12:30 and 5 p.m.											

Protestant											
▲ Wednesday : Bible Study, Chapel 2, 7 p.m.											
▲ Sunday : Inspirational, Chapel 2, 8:30 a.m.											
Liturgical, Chapel 3, 8:45 a.m.											
Evangelical, Chapel 1, 9 and 10:45 a.m.											
General Protestant, Chapel 2, 10:30 a.m.											
Gospel, Chapel 3, 10:30 a.m.											
Sunday school, Bldg. 326 & 327, 10:45 a.m.											
▲ Hindu service: Mondays, Chapel 1, noon.											
▲ Eastern Orthodox services: Call 645-7486											
▲ Jewish services: Call 637-1027											
▲ Islamic services: Call 636-3219											

## Coloring by numbers



Air Force/Airman Gary Edwards

Sarah Tilley (center), wife of Staff Sgt. Joshua Tilley, Det. 1, 554th Red Horse Squadron, watches her daughter Dakota, 2, and Justin Barthold, 2, son of Master Sgt. Joe Barthold, Det. 1, 554th RHS, color stick puppets at a Bookworm Activity group held every first and third Saturday of every month at the Kadena Library from 11 a.m. to noon. The group, for children ages 18 months to three years, provides snacks while children sing, dance, read stories and do craft projects. To register or find out information about volunteering, contact Lisa McFedries at 633-7155 or e-mail mcfedries4@yahoo.com.

## M O V I E S

Patrons should call Keystone Theater at 634-1869 or Butler Theater at 645-3465 to verify movie titles, showtimes and ratings.

### Keystone Theater

- ▲ Today..... Son of the Mask, PG, 1 p.m.  
Son of the Mask, PG, 6 p.m.  
\*The Ring Two, PG-13, 9 p.m.
- ▲ Saturday..... The Aviator, PG-13, noon  
\*The Ring Two, PG-13, 4 p.m.  
Son of the Mask, PG, 7 p.m.
- ▲ Sunday..... The Aviator, PG-13, noon  
Son of the Mask, PG, 4 p.m.  
\*The Ring Two, PG-13, 7 p.m.
- ▲ Monday..... \*Beauty Shop, PG-13, 7 p.m.
- ▲ Tuesday..... \*Beauty Shop, PG-13, 7 p.m.
- ▲ Wednesday.... Son of the Mask, PG, 7 p.m.
- ▲ Thursday..... \*Miss Congeniality 2, PG-13, 7 p.m.

### Butler Theater

- ▲ Today..... Because of Winn-Dixie, PG, 3 p.m.  
The Aviator, PG-13, 6:30 p.m.  
\*Miss Congeniality 2, PG, 10:30 p.m.
- ▲ Saturday..... Son of the Mask, PG, 1 p.m.  
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- ▲ Sunday..... Son of the Mask, PG, 1 p.m.  
Son of the Mask, PG, 4 p.m.  
The Aviator, PG-13, 3 p.m.
- ▲ Monday..... \*Miss Congeniality 2, PG, 7 p.m.
- ▲ Tuesday..... The Aviator, PG-13, 7 p.m.
- ▲ Wednesday.... The Aviator, PG-13, 7 p.m.
- ▲ Thursday..... \*Beauty Shop, PG-13, 7 p.m.

\* First Run shows are marked by a star



# Kadena kids compete in T-Ball games



Benjamin Frick (#16), 7, son of Maj. Gregory Frick, Air Force Institute for Operational Health, takes a swing and a miss during a tee ball game Monday.



Sarah Melton (#10), 6, daughter of Maj. Kevin Melton, 18th Operations Support Squadron, calls for the ball while trying to force out Jonathan Pido, 5, son of Chief Warrant Officer Eugene Pido, Marine Corps Base Transportation Management Office, Camp Kinser.



Michael Rivera (left), 6, son of Master Gunnery Sgt. Juan Rivera, 12th Marines 3rd Marine Division, and Benjamin Frick (middle), 7, son of Maj. Gregory Frick, Air Force Institute for Operational Health, try to tag out Matthew Emo, 5, son of Lt. Col. Todd Emo, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, during a tee ball game Monday at the Youth Center fields. About ten teams make up the tee ball league. The final game of the season is Saturday.



BATTER UP: Nathan Montenegro, 5, son of Airman 1st Class Timothy Baughman, 18th Logistics Readiness Squadron, swings and makes contact during a tee ball game against the Angels Monday at the Youth Center fields.

RUNNING HOME: Hannah Gould, 5, daughter of Lt. Col. Doug Gould, 18th Wing inspector general, runs to home plate during a tee ball game at a matchup against the Orioles Monday.



## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Special Olympics 5K Fun Run/Walk

April 16

Don't miss out on an opportunity to run or walk to help make a difference in the lives of people with special needs. Participate in the Special Olympics fundraiser 5K Fun Run/Walk April 16 at 9 a.m. at the Risner Fitness Center. Register at 8 a.m. and the first 200 registrants will receive a t-shirt. Registration fee at the site is \$10 and no preregistration is allowed. All proceeds will benefit the Kadena Special Olympics in June. For more information, e-mail daniela.smith@kadena.af.mil or andrew.bowman@kadena.af.mil.

### Special Olympics volunteers needed

June 18

The Kadena Special Olympics is one of the top intercultural programs hosted by the 18th Wing involving many mentally and physically challenged athletes and their families. Since the majority of athletes are from local Okinawan schools and welfare workshops, the Special Olympics Committee needs many interpreters on the day of the event. Interpreters will be tasked with escorting the athletes and families to each venue, assisting in serving lunch, explaining

the rules of the games, and cheering on the athletes during events. If you would like to volunteer or have any questions about the event, contact Chiemi Karimata, 18th Services Squadron, at 634-1197 or 090-9781-7552.

### Kadena Martial Arts Challenge

April 16

Youth Programs School of the Martial Arts will sponsor the Kadena Cup X Martial Arts Challenge April 16 starting at 9 a.m. at the Amelia Earhart Intermediate School. Compete in this olympic-style tournament in all forms of sparring for all ages and belt levels. Trophies will be awarded for first, second, and third place. Registration costs \$20 prior to the event and \$25 on the day of the event. Register at the Kadena Youth Center or call 634-0500 for more information.

### Earth Day 5K Fun Run/Walk

April 23

Participate in the Earth Day 5k Fun Run/Walk at 11 a.m. April 23 at the Risner Fitness Center. Participants must register by 10:45 a.m.

## TENNIS STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L
18 SVS.....	1	0
DoDDS (A).....	1	0
DoDDS (C).....	1	0
DoDDS (B).....	0	1
18 CS.....	0	1
961 AACs.....	0	1

Standings are current as of April 6